

CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

BASEBALL MEN WANT MILLER CHARGES PROBED.

Day There's No \$250,000 Fund at Albany to Help Pass Big Tim Sullivan's Bill Legalizing Sunday Games—New York Clubs Oppose It—Fighting News.

The biggest men in baseball have become so indignant because of the charge that a fund of \$250,000 has been raised to help pass Sunday games that they have decided to fight the bill. The charge was made by the New York City Club, which is the largest of the New York City clubs. It was stated clearly that the baseball leagues all over the country had raised the alleged fund, inasmuch as the passage of the Sullivan bill would mean millions of dollars in profits for the big clubs in the big cities, particularly New York.

B. B. Johnson, president of the American League; Thomas J. Lynch, president of the National League; August Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission and owner of the Cincinnati club; John T. Brush, owner of the Giants; Frank J. Farrell, owner of the Highlanders; and John H. Farrell, secretary of the National Association of Minor Leagues, have denounced Dr. Miller's charges and are anxious to have the Legislature compel him to furnish proof. President Johnson, in response to a wire, replied yesterday:

"The American League has no interest, one way or another, in the Sullivan bill. Can say that Farrell doesn't want Sunday games for the Highlanders. Charge that there's a fund at Albany is untrue, and persons making it should be brought up with a sharp turn."

Mr. Brush does not favor the Sullivan bill, says Mr. Herrmann, "and probably he wouldn't play Sunday games at the Polo grounds even if it became a law. I am surprised that any one should make such charges without the slightest foundation for them. Baseball clubs do not depend upon the Legislature. They don't have to. Consequently they are absolutely independent in their business methods."

"Know nothing of Sunday baseball bill. Don't favor it at all, as far as the New York club is concerned," wires Mr. Brush to Secretary W. M. Gray of the Giants.

"I do not want a law to permit Sunday games at Albany," says Mr. Brush. "I do not believe it could be good business policy. Besides the players work six days a week and need one day of rest, at least while they are home. Of course we play Sunday games in New York, because that is the custom for all clubs, but the conditions there are much different. Personally I see no harm in Sunday baseball games, and if the bill now pending is passed I know many young men will be benefited. But you can say that the Highlanders will not play here on the Sabbath under any conditions."

"The National League has never played Sunday games in New York city," declares Mr. Lynch. "And there is no desire by the club owners to depart from this policy. Consequently, the National League is not directly or indirectly interested in Sunday baseball. The charge that there's a fund at Albany should be officially proved so that persons making it could be dealt with summarily."

John H. Farrell, who is president of the New York State League in addition to being secretary of the National Association, embracing fifty minor league teams, makes a clean cut statement that not so much as \$250 has been subscribed to help this legislation, which he admits means a lot to the State League clubs located in Albany, Troy, Binghamton, Utica, Syracuse, Elmira, Watkinsburg and Schenectady. He says more than 25,000 citizens up the State favor Sunday baseball and have written to their Senators and Assemblymen to vote for the Sullivan bill.

Senator Sullivan declares that he introduced his measure at the request of the up-State clubs, and that he had forgotten all about it until he was suddenly reported out by the Senate Code Committee. He laughed when he read Dr. Miller's charge and said:

"Somebody must have been stringing this worthy gentleman. His assertion is a joke."

President W. W. of the Saratoga Fair Association, who has been the champion of the Agnew-Perkins bill last year, has publicly announced that he will be compelled to resign his office unless the Legislature repeals the law. He declares that officers of all the State and county fairs, ninety-four in all, are in the same plight.

When K. O. Brown's manager, Dan Morgan, read Charles T. Harvey's letter in the Sun Saturday morning, he was so angry that he would make a present of \$100 to Brown the moment the latter stepped into the ring for a ten-round bout. Morgan's statement, however, was not a challenge. He declared that Brown would not win. Morgan said that K. O. Brown was a "double crosser" and that he would not fight him. Morgan said that he would not fight Harvey. Morgan said that he would not fight Harvey. Morgan said that he would not fight Harvey.

Wolcott, it is reported, has requested the Madison A. C. to postpone his bout with one Round Robin from April 15 to April 22. The fight was originally scheduled for April 15. Wolcott's manager, Tom Jones, has asked for a postponement. Jones says that Wolcott is not in good health and needs more time to prepare for the fight.

Because Wolcott's manager, Tom Jones, said last week that McFarland had given into the temptation of the money, Jones said that he would not fight McFarland. Jones said that he would not fight McFarland. Jones said that he would not fight McFarland.

Wolcott, by the way, is a favorite with the fans for his ten-round bout with Pat Moore at the National Sporting Club last Wednesday evening. Wolcott, who is a favorite with the fans, was defeated by Moore. Wolcott's manager, Tom Jones, said that he would not fight Moore. Jones said that he would not fight Moore. Jones said that he would not fight Moore.

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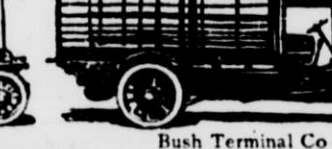
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New York A. C. Tournament—Massachusetts and Handicaps.

As a supplement to the announcement of the New York A. C. has offered a cup for the golf championship of the organization and also one to be competed for by members 50 years of age and over, a postal match has been sent to the members asking for suggestions on the arrangement of the program and whether the tournament should be of one or three days duration. It is signed by the special golf committee. H. H. Foxson, chairman; H. H. Lloyd and A. C. Potter.

The Fox Hills Golf Club's offer of its course has been accepted for the tournament and only the replies from the members are needed for the complete program to be completed. The dates of May 15 to 19 are available. The New York A. C. tournament should be as popular and as productive of interesting contests as any of the many limited club or trade affairs of the kind in the M. G. A. A. tournament annually.

The handicap of the New York State Exchange Golf Club is the oldest of these special competitions. It has been held without a skip since 1897, the first being at the Knollwood Country Club and marking a "double event" for W. S. Eddy, who had just given up trap shooting for golf. He won the gross and net prize with 86, 7-82.

The semi-annual handicap of the University Club golfers is next in seniority.

Plans are being matured for the fourth renewal of the Massachusetts interclub team matches, the permanent trophy having been won in 1908 and 1909 by the country club, Brookline, and last year by the Brookline Country Club. The entries are divided into sections for the preliminary matches, the winners then meeting in the decisive rounds. The teams are of six, each match counting one point and must be played in the forenoon and then the singles. The skill at foursome play that helped the Massachusetts team to win the Lesley cup last fall from the M. G. A. and Pennsylvania teams was to play largely due to the insistence of the committee that foursomes shall be played in the State matches.

The Massachusetts State Golf Association handicap committee, H. L. Ayer, R. R. Freeman, E. A. Wile and Ralph Craddock, have allotted a score to each course in the association on which the club handicappers should base their records. The design is to bring the links into equitable relations according to their playing test and thereby as much as possible to level the playing field. With sixty-eight at some of the short courses and running up to eighty-two at Myopia, the players are handicapped on their known best game and the difference between that and the allotted score.

These are the handicapping scores allotted:

Albany: 72. Alton: 70. Alpine: 74. Belle Vue: 71. Belmont: 73. Waverley: 78. Brookline: 77. Brookline: 78. Brookline: 79. Brookline: 80. Brookline: 81. Brookline: 82. Brookline: 83. Brookline: 84. Brookline: 85. Brookline: 86. Brookline: 87. Brookline: 88. Brookline: 89. Brookline: 90. Brookline: 91. Brookline: 92. Brookline: 93. Brookline: 94. Brookline: 95. Brookline: 96. Brookline: 97. Brookline: 98. Brookline: 99. Brookline: 100.

Several handicappers arrived here from Janesville, Wis., yesterday. They said that the uncertainty about the enforcement of the anti-betting law throughout the State is a great handicap to the game. They said that they would not play in the State matches until the law is enforced throughout the State.

FIAT WINS RACE.

Broke 24 Hour Record by 238 Miles at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 9.—Scoring 1,401 miles, the Fiat entry won the twenty-four hour automobile race, which ended at 4 o'clock this afternoon, smashing the world's record by 238 miles. The Fiat fell nine miles short of the mark set for the racers when the starting signal was given. The Cadillac was second and the Cole third. Prior to the record set today, the best mileage in a twenty-four hour race on a circular track was that made by the Stearns at Brighton Beach, 1,163 miles.

The Fiat took the lead at the sixth hour and was two miles ahead of the Cadillac when the seventh hour began. The Cadillac held second place against the Cole through the race, but could not regain the lead from the Fiat, which steadily increased its advantage. It had gained, the Motordrome is a boarder saucer track, which permitted such faster time than a circular earth track, on which the Brighton Beach record was made. The Fiat's average for the race figures out 62.1 miles an hour.

The only accidents during the racing were insignificant ones due to motor troubles or skidding. After the cars had raced about the track a few hours the oil they dropped made the boards slippery and this caused the skidding. The accident at the start was small, but a great crowd saw the finish this afternoon.

The mileage of cars which finished was: Fiat, 1,401; Cadillac, 1,163; Cole, 1,219; Cutting, 1,180; Warren-Detroit, 1,167; Croton, 1,155; Schenck, 1,013. Cameron dropped out four hours with 174 miles. Yellow out fifteenth hour with 96 miles. L-M-F out eighteenth hour with 84 miles.

De Oro to Play Handicap Pool Game. Alfredo De Oro, the pool champion, who is to defend his title against Jerome Keogh of Rochester next week, will play a handicap match with the winner of the State championship on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights this week. De Oro will attempt to play 400 balls to Broadway Aleck Smith's 300. The last time Smith and De Oro met the former won, defeating the champion 100 to 0. The high interest is being shown in the affair, as Smith is considered the best of the local pool players.

In the ball game, tournament to-night S. Cortez will play E. Barclay.

Middle to Now Four Races. ANNAPOLIS, April 9.—The Naval Academy crew will row four races in as many weeks this season, contests with Massachusetts, Insitute of Technology, University of Pennsylvania, Columbia and Syracuse following each other on successive Saturdays. Massachusetts Tech will open the season on April 22 and Pennsylvania will row on the Severn on May 6 with its varsity and freshmen. The midshipmen crew will compete on May 13 and Syracuse will finally agree definitely to row here on May 20. So many races in so short a period has seldom if ever been known in the history of the sport. However, the midshipmen are heavier, older and more experienced than for some years past and it is not thought that the task will be too hard for them.

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